

same time honor the principles of liberty and freedom which make this democracy unique.

As his local newspaper, The Duval County Picture, wrote recently, "There will never be another Robert Leo but we must never forget the genuine article. He will serve as a role model for all citizens. His life will serve as an example to future leaders of what a true public servant is about.

"We will miss our friend. He can never be replaced but we must never stop trying to live up to the high standards he set for all of us." We have lost a great American, but his memory will provide inspiration for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO SYD KRONENTHAL

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of the House Syd Kronenthal, whose remarkable record of 50 years of service as Director of Human Services for the City of Culver City has become a major source of civic pride.

Syd began his work for Culver City on December 14, 1945, following his service in the United States Air Corps in World War II. His Culver City employment record was punctuated only by a brief hiatus in 1946, when General Omar Bradley summoned him to be rehabilitation supervisor for the Veterans Administration. He returned to Culver City in April of 1947 where he has been ever since.

One of his most significant contributions was his leadership in drafting and obtaining voter approval for Culver City's first major recreation bond issue after World War II. This bond issue enabled the city to construct the Veterans Memorial Building, the Olympic-size swimming pool, new recreation buildings at McManus Park and Culver West Park. It also provided the means to rehabilitate the old pistol range at Lindberg Park that has been converted into the present recreational facility.

As a leader in the Sister City Program, Syd has been a pioneer in building bridges of understanding to people of other nations and cultures. His commitment to the Olympic movement dates back to the historic 1932 Olympic Games where he helped create the Olympic Village in the area now known as Baldwin Hills, and later served as a member of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games Citizens Advisory Committee.

It was under Syd's leadership that in later years Culver City developed a youth and community center, and converted the former county library into a multi-purpose senior citizen center. The Culver City Senior Center is widely recognized as one of the finest senior facilities in the United States. He continues his outstanding stewardship over a myriad of essential social services and recreational programs.

In grateful appreciation of his many efforts on behalf of the city, McManus Park was renamed Syd Kronenthal Park in 1992.

Over the years these important institutions have proven to be vital community assets which have greatly enriched the lives of the people of Culver City. Like a tall oak tree which has endured the test of time, his leadership and service become more valuable with every passing year.

Mr. Speaker, on Friday, February 23, 1996, there will be a civic celebration and appreciation of Syd Kronenthal in Culver City. I know I speak for all of my colleagues in congratulating him on this extraordinary milestone, and offering best wishes for another 50 years.

TRIBUTE TO KWEISI MFUME

SPEECH OF

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 1996

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Maryland, Mr. CARDIN, for making this time available to recognize our good friend and colleague, KWEISI MFUME. It is a distinct pleasure to have the opportunity to speak about a gentleman who has earned a place of high respect and honor here in the Congress.

We all know that there's often a lot of talk in this Chamber, but there's seldom a lot of listening. KWEISI MFUME is one of those soft-spoken voices that rises above the din, above the crowd—one of those rare voices that Members listen to on both sides of the aisle.

KWEISI has earned our ear, and our respect, not only because of his dedicated work for this great Nation and his effective advocacy for our most disadvantaged citizens—but also because of the hard road he took to Congress—from the troubled neighborhoods of west Baltimore to the heights of Capitol Hill, his is a story of determination. It is a story which teaches our Nation's youth great lessons about dignity and self-respect.

We applaud the NAACP for choosing a leader of the caliber of KWEISI MFUME. Quite sincerely, I can think of no one more qualified and respected to lead that venerable institution into the 21st century. Our only regret is the loss we will feel here in this institution when we lose the reasoned voice and seasoned leadership of KWEISI MFUME.

I wish my friend every success as he confronts the challenges of his new position.

TRIBUTE TO SID LUCKMAN

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true Chicago sports legend—Sid Luckman—at the news he will receive our State's highest honor, the Order of Lincoln, on April 20, 1996.

Sid Luckman joined the Chicago Bears in 1939 and quarterbacked to four NFL championships in the next 12 seasons, the years that earned the Bears their reputation as the "Monsters of the Midway."

Perhaps his most memorable performance was in the 1946 championship game against the New York Giants, the first football game I can remember listening to on the radio. Sid Luckman's championship performance was capped by scoring the winning touchdown on what was called the "bingo keeper" play. With the Bears at the goal line, he faked a handoff to one running back, faked to another rusher,

tucked the ball under his arm and outran the defense along the line of scrimmage and into the end zone.

In addition to earning his teammates respect while serving as their captain, he was honored by all of football as the NFL's most valuable player three times and was named an all-pro seven times. He received football's highest honor when he was enshrined into the Hall of Fame after his retirement.

Sid Luckman also enjoyed a 14-year stint as a coach with both the Bears and the University of Notre Dame. In addition, he recently completed a successful business career when the packaging company, Cell-Craft, he bought into in 1946 was sold.

But perhaps the thing that has made Sid Luckman so special has been his tireless devotion to his community. He has always been willing to lend his time, efforts, and stellar reputation to good causes both in the Chicago area and throughout the country. For instance, he established a scholarship to the prestigious Mayo Clinic to help deserving medical students study there.

For his athletic and civic accomplishments, Sid Luckman will join the likes of former President Reagan, actor Charleton Heston, journalist John Chancellor, and one of his successors in football's pantheon, Walter Payton of the Bears, in the Lincoln Academy. The Academy, named for Illinois' most famous son, was established 31 years ago to honor distinguished Illinoisans, either by birth or residency, who have brought honor to the Land of Lincoln.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Sid Luckman on joining the Order of Lincoln and wish him many more years of enjoying the respect and admiration of his community.

TRIBUTE TO STOP OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CA

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Safe Tables Our Priority [STOP]. STOP is a national coalition organized by families and friends who have lost loved ones to serious illness due to the contamination of ground beef with E. coli 0157:H7 bacteria. The coalition has been dedicated to educating the public and legislators about this deadly bacteria.

Americans became painfully aware of the dangers associated with the consumption of raw meat products upon an outbreak of the E. coli bacteria 3 years ago. This outbreak, which occurred on the west coast, infected 600 people and killed 4 children. Following this tragedy, STOP began actively working to change the system in order to make sure others did not suffer from this deadly bacteria. Their journey brought them to Capitol Hill to work with Members of Congress to reduce this E. coli hazard, and educate Americans on the safe handling of foods.

I commend the efforts of STOP in their work on the Family Food Protection Act, H.R. 1423, of which I am a cosponsor. This legislation amends the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to improve public health and safety through reduction in harmful contaminants in meat and poultry.